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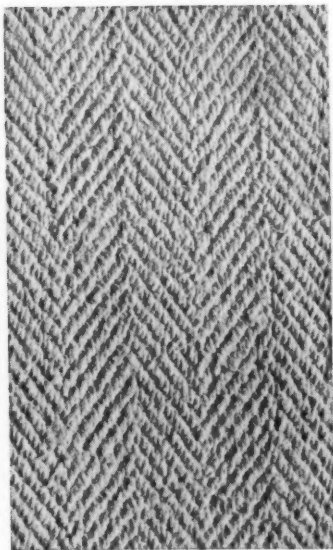
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THE THANKFUL MONTH

The story of the New England Pilgrims who gathered together for a day of thanksgiving, after what they called an abundant harvest, has always been one of our favorites.

This story is the basis for our national holiday, generally celebrated on the last Thursday in November, and known throughout the nation as Thanksgiving Day.

The early settlers in Massachusetts had suffered hard ship, they had worked unceasingly, they had been visited by sickness, by death, but they gathered in their roughly built places of worship, to give thanks for the harvest.

We, in America, have so much for which to give thanks—are we thankful enough? Too many of us think of Thanksgiving only as a day for football games, for feasts.

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THE COMMERCIAL VALUE of SOUTH AFRICAN ASBESTOS

(With special reference to the Amphiboles, Amosite and Crocidolite Asbestos. By W. E. Sinclair, M.I.M.M., Consulting Mining Engineer.)

The fundamentals that constitute the basis of this review will account in part for the recent unexpected and pleasing revival in the asbestos industry in the Union in the early part of this year.

After the recent recession, of which I wrote some time ago ("ASBESTOS", June 1954) the latest production figures published by the Department of Mines are interesting. The value of asbestos sold (all varieties) rose from £401,943 in March to £579,996 in April, a record high level, especially in chrysotile, the sales of which rose in value from £63,025 to £124,391—nearly double. The value of Amosite and Blue sales rose from £158,985 to £173,969 and £179,933 to £281,636 respectively.

This marked improvement in the economic position is due, to some extent, to the improvement in milling processes and in the classification and grading of the asbestos produced. New marketing arrangements have undoubtedly added to the general recovery which, viewed objectively, will substantially support the following analysis of the commercial qualities and the market value of the local varieties of asbestos.

By producing the three well-known varieties of asbestos, viz: chrysotile, amosite and crocidolite ("Blue"), South Africa has a decided advantage in the field of utilization, since the amphibole varieties quite certainly possess certain useful characteristics in special fields of industry, and amosite is produced nowhere else in the world.

Although chrysotile, associated with serpentine, constitutes an important class of asbestos in South Africa, that derived from the sedimentary rocks (from serpentinized diabasic sill intrusives) is also a potential source of valuable fibres.

Both of these classes of chrysotile are too well known to call for more than a passing reference in this article,

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especially as both compare favorably, in their physical characteristics with most other chrysotiles. Apart from their usual fine fibrous structure, their relative merits in industrial application are best considered by comparing their chemical composition with other chrysotile specimens. The following table (Table I) gives the analyses of various representative samples of commercial serpentine asbestos from different world sources.

Table I
Comparative Chemical Analyses of Various Specimens
of Chrysotile Asbestos

	South Africa	Southern Rhodesia	Canada	Russia	Italy	South America
	%	%	%	%	%	%
SiO ₂	40.28	39.77	40.59	39.28	40.30	41.70
Al ₂ O ₃	1.56	2.16	0.69	1.75	2.27	1.10
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.16	...	2.80	0.40)	0.87	3.50
FeO	0.46	2.10	1.28	5.37)		....
CaO	0.15	...	0.15	1.74		
MgO	39.67	38.76	41.66	40.05	43.37	38.90
Na ₂ O	0.26)		....	....	....
	)	0.09	....	....		0.14
K ₂ O	0.12)		....	....	....
H ₂ O	15.99	15.08	13.68	11.52	13.72	14.96

(Averages compiled from published analyses of representative sample of serpentine).

The apparent rather divergent chemical composition of chrysotile asbestos, unlike that of the amphiboles, has little deleterious effect in the fibres for many uses, even though the presence of some impurities undoubtedly affects the physical characteristics in certain conditions. To judge of the quality of chrysotile for essential uses, the fibre should not contain more than 1.75% of total iron and not more than 0.75% of magnetic iron. The size of the iron particles and whether they are associated with the fibre are also critical factors in their usefulness in electrical insulation. In the local serpentine chrysotile, the iron occurs mostly in ferrous form and the chrysotile from sedimentary sources is generally free of iron altogether, so that both classes fall well within the specification of "low-iron" asbestos, and in general the fibre may



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be said to possess all the attributes of other chrysotile, not excepting its fibre structure and tensile strength.

Fibre lengths vary greatly, and now that more shorter grades are being produced, the recovery percentage of long fibre appears to be decreasing. This may also be accounted for by the deeper workings, since there seems to be a tendency for the fibres to be shorter at depth in many deposits.

The chrysotile fibre recovered from the serpentinized dolomite lodes in the Carolina district, like that found in Arizona, is markedly different in composition to that from massive serpentine formation. As will be seen from the comparative analyses of these types, Table II (below), this class of fibre is remarkable for its relative freedom from iron and other mineral impurities usually associated with the serpentine group.

Table II
Comparative Analyses of Chrysotile Asbestos Occurring
in Sedimentary Formations

	South Africa (Carolina)	U. S. A. (Arizona)
SiO ₂	41.90	41.40
Al ₂ O ₃	Nil	1.45
Fe ₂ O ₃	Nil	0.18
FeO	Nil	0.51
CaO	0.50	0.20
MgO	36.30	42.41
Na ₂ O	2.71	
H ₂ O	13.00	14.10

In the Transvaal the fibre is generally whiter than the serpentine chrysotile. Although this class of deposit is widely distributed in the extensive dolomite formation in many parts of the country, with few exceptions the occurrences in themselves are inclined to be erratic in fibre development. This restricts large scale mining and production costs are consequently inevitably high.

The grading and classification of chrysotile asbestos in this country is gradually being carried out to conform to Canadian standards, and with the high quality natural properties contained in most classes of fibre there is little doubt that the commercial value of the local production is assured in every manufacturing sphere.

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The amphibole varieties of asbestos that take a prominent place in industry are mainly amosite (and montasite) and crocidolite ("Blue"). They assume an important role in the country's economy; the production of crocidolite is the world's largest and there are potentially large resources of both varieties.

Because of certain valuable properties possessed by these fibres, their commercial application is steadily expanding and in some specific manufacturing spheres the demand is likely to increase.

Notwithstanding several conflicting scientific theories regarding the mineralogical grouping of this unique mineral and the wavering opinions as to the association of montasite, the fact remains that both these minerals, in their fibrous form, constitute valuable commercial varieties of asbestos. In practice montasite is recognized as a superior quality of amosite, the fibres being softer and more silky. The color is lighter but in other physical respects it is closely analogous to amosite. The difference in the chemical composition of these amphiboles is indicated in the comparative analyses of typical specimens of each in Table III (below).

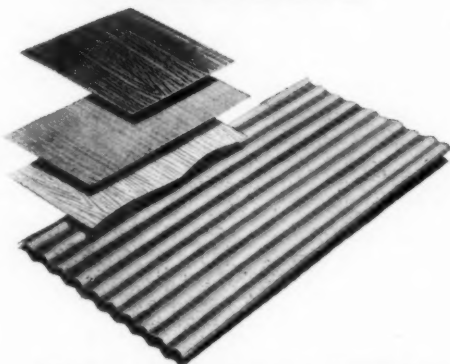
Table III
Chemical Composition of Amosite and Montasite

	Amosite	Montasite
SiO ₂	49.80%	55.90%
TiO ₂	Tr.	....
Al ₂ O ₃	3.70	0.45
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.90	2.10
FeO	35.50	32.40
MnO	0.10	
MgO	5.63	4.55
CaO	1.35	0.50
Na ₂ O	Tr.	Tr.
K ₂ O		0.35
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Both amosite and montasite occur in the same geological formation known as the Pretoria Series of banded ironstones in the Northern Transvaal. Amosite is widely distributed and in some deposits the fibres frequently attain exceptional lengths. The fibre lengths vary from 2'' to 6'', but in some places are found up to 10'' in length.

Except for the length and color of amosite the general properties of the asbestos have much in common with crocidolite, which is understandable as they occur in the same geological horizon in the Transvaal and are often closely associated with "Blue" seams in the same lode.

Amosite fibres are usually harsh in texture, but flexibility and elasticity are good and the tensile strength varies from fair to very good.

In incombustibility and heat resistance it compares favorably with all other varieties of asbestos. Like all other amphibole varieties, amosite possesses distinctly superior properties in its resistance to acids, alkalies and sea water.

While these properties are obviously of paramount importance in its commercial application, its extreme fibrous structure constitutes not only an exceptional and valuable quality, but is an important economic factor since this long fibre can be obtained at a lower price than any other variety. The extreme fibre length has the advantage of a minimum weight per foot compared with other asbestos. Also, unlike most other varieties, amosite tends to be non-hygrosopic, which in itself is a valuable characteristic.

In South Africa, commercial crocidolite asbestos is usually designated as Cape or Transvaal "Blue" according to its field of origin. The Cape "Blue" is generally physically superior to the Transvaal crocidolite, especially in the degree of flexibility, elasticity and tensile strength of the fibres. The difference in the chemical make-up of these two classes is shown in the average analyses of typical specimens from the Cape and the Transvaal in Table IV.



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Table IV
Chemical Composition of Crocidolite Asbestos

	Cape Blue	Transvaal Blue
SiO ₂	52.39%	57.83%
Al ₂ O ₃	1.10	
Fe ₂ O ₃	17.87	7.20
FeO	18.69	24.44
MgO	1.56	2.53
CaO	0.52	1.12
Na ₂ O	5.48	3.98
K ₂ O	0.02	....
H ₂ O	3.07	1.67

The maximum length of the fibres is about 3 inches and the average produced to-day varies from 1/16 inch to 1½ inches. The color is fairly consistent in its variation from lavender shades to dark nickel blue in its crude state and after fiberization. The texture of the fibres ranges from soft to harsh but are usually flexible and possess good elasticity. These properties and its exceptional tensile strength make it invaluable in many uses and particularly in asbestos cement production. Besides, like amosite, it possesses a high resistance to acids and alkalies and is also specially resistant to chemicals and sea water, most important factors in the manufacture of certain asbestos products.

It is interesting to note that despite a high iron content in both these amphibole varieties, FeO occurs mainly as a silicate which makes them suitable for electrical insulating purposes.

In the fabrication of textiles, local chrysotile long fibre grades are unsurpassed. Because of its fine fibrous structure it is more dependable in quality than most other varieties of asbestos and, as is generally found in many other fields of application, chrysotile rules supreme.

For certain specialized requirements, however, such as the insulation of boilers and steam pipes, asbestos, able to withstand high temperatures, is desirable. Here crocidolite and amosite which are also very durable find an indispensable use, and crocidolite is spun into textiles for such special uses. Except in extreme cases, amosite has not proved a successful medium for spinning.

(Continued in the December issue)



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The August 1954 issue of "ASBESTOS" included an article by the present writer discussing problems relating to the supply of low-iron chrysotile asbestos used for electric insulation. This report was prepared primarily for presentation at a meeting of the Electro Chemical Society in May 1953, and it was recognized at that time that conditions in the asbestos industry were far from static. After discussing the various problems involved in securing an adequate supply of this important commodity the article concluded with the following statement: "The instability of the situation is manifest. New factors may appear at any moment, and the avenues of approach that seem most promising today may become subordinate tomorrow."

The changing conditions forecast in that statement a year and a half ago are now realized and are defined clearly enough to permit a reappraisal, which indicates a situation differing substantially from that existing when the former manuscript was prepared.

The Cassiar Asbestos Corporation enterprise in British Columbia, discussed briefly in the previous article, has attained increasing importance. Laboratory tests by a large consumer of low-iron asbestos show that the British Columbian fibre has an average total iron content of 1.6 to 2.0 percent compared with 2.0 to 2.7 percent for the non-ferrous fibre from Southern Rhodesia. The magnetic rating (which is essentially a measure of the magnetic iron content) for the British Columbia fibre ranges from 0.8 to 1.1 percent compared with 1.2 to 1.4 percent for Rhodesian fibre. It appears, therefore, that the Cassiar fibre is equal or superior to that which has been regarded for many years as the standard nonferrous fibre.

It is reported also that substantial quantities of this fibre will soon be available. The Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, Ltd., estimates that Cassiar production for July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955, will reach 10,000 tons of spinning

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grade. Imports of similar fibre from Southern Rhodesia have averaged less than 2,000 tons annually during recent years.

Another factor that greatly modifies the nonferrous asbestos problem is the diminishing demand. New designs of shipboard cable, used in all new construction vessels of the U. S. Navy, do not require nonferrous asbestos fibre. Although nonferrous fibre will continue to be used in cables for repair, alteration and conversion work on U. S. Navy vessels and in a number of commercial vessels, the demand for nonferrous fibre in an emergency will probably be less than it was during World War II. Furthermore, nonferrous commercial requirements during the past year have suffered a general decline.

Because of increasing production and diminishing demand, the problem of supply of nonferrous fibre may be regarded as no longer critical. During the period that it was in short supply, substitute materials were employed to some extent, but now that adequate supplies are again available the use of substitutes is not imperative at this time.

In the previous article, it was pointed out that development of a successful method of deironing high-iron asbestos would be an important means of meeting a low-iron-asbestos shortage. Such methods have, in fact, been developed to the point that at least two types of low-iron papers made from purified high-iron asbestos are now in commercial use.

During the World War II and early postwar periods there were, at times, shortages of spinning-fibre asbestos obtained chiefly in Canada. Increasing production facilities have brought relief to that situation also. The Quebec Asbestos Mining Association has estimated that by 1955 the Quebec mills will be able to produce about 54,000 tons annually of the spinning grades. This estimate is based on the assumption that the new Johnsons Co. mill and the new Normandie mill of the Asbestos Corporation will be in full operation in 1955. The Association states that during recent years about 60 percent of the spinning fibres produced in Quebec were exported to the United States. On that basis, the estimated supply available for



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Although recent imports are considerably smaller than the supply estimated in the forecast quoted above, the volume of consumption may not remain at the relatively low levels prevailing since 1952. Expansion in asbestos consumption for the major well-known uses is forecast by some manufacturers of asbestos products, and, because of its unburnable fibrous nature, asbestos is constantly finding new uses in fields where satisfactory substitutes are uncommon.

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RUBEROID TO BUILD NEW PLANT IN CALIFORNIA

Herbert Abraham, Chairman of The Ruberoid Co., marked the 68th anniversary of the founding of his company recently by announcing that Ruberoid will start building a new plant in California within a short time.

The chairman's statement came as the company gave 51 employees who have been on the payroll for a quarter of a century a traditional welcome into the Twenty-Fivers, an honorary employees group. Employees with 25 years or more of service now number 399 out of a total of about 4,800.

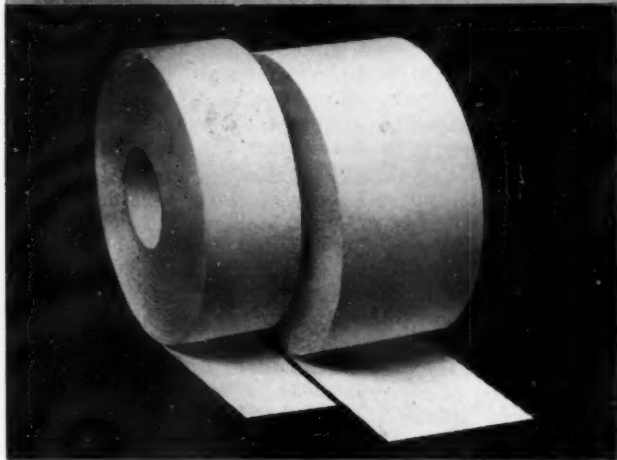
The West Coast plant will be built on about 22 acres recently acquired in Los Angeles. Initially, it will manufacture the full line of Ruberoid asphalt roofings and later may be expanded to produce asbestocement and other products. It is anticipated the new factory will employ about 200 people when production begins. The cost of the installations has not yet been determined.

The move to Los Angeles will enable them to supply building materials more economically for the West Coast's rapidly growing population. Since all of their present plants are east of the Rocky Mountains, prohibitively high freight rates make this move necessary, if they are to compete in Far West markets.

Widely known today as a major factor in the building materials field, Ruberoid operates 16 plants east of the Rockies and an asbestos mine in Vermont, the only important mine of its kind in the U. S. Included among plant properties is a gypsum mine and plant in Wheatland, N.Y., which Ruberoid purchased in August this year. In making this acquisition, the company entered the gypsum building materials field for the first time.

While anniversary gatherings of old timers were held at each of the company's locations, Mr. Abraham, a 51-year veteran himself, was host at a luncheon at the Chemist's Club in New York City. Sixteen Twenty-Fivers from the executive offices were guests of honor.

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BUILDING

New high records were set by September's totals of Dodge Reports of contracts for future construction in the 37 eastern states, according to F. W. Dodge Corporation, construction news and marketing specialists.

The September total of \$1,816,232,000 rounded out the biggest nine-month total in Dodge's 63-year history; 13 per cent ahead of the first nine months of 1953 which until now was the all-time high.

September set the biggest monthly total in Dodge history, in the ordinary contracts by individuals and business firms and government bodies, but excluding the huge atomic energy projects of past years.

Even including the atomic energy figures, it was the fourth biggest total in history. But the significant fact is that the vast body of home builders and corporation executives and others who signed those contracts in September affirmed in hard cash their faith in continuing prosperity in the months ahead.

The September total was four per cent above that of September 1953 and set an all-time September high. Eliminating last year's atomic energy contracts of September, it was 20 per cent ahead of September 1953.

"This brings almost mathematical assurance that new high yearly records will be set in 1954 both by the Dodge totals and by the government estimates of construction put in place," said Mr. Holden. "We are approaching the time when opinion on this score will be replaced by the fact. Already the 1954 total has gained more than a full month over last year, at the 1953 monthly rate."

Nine-month categories compared with the same period 1953 were: nonresidential, \$5,246,897,000, up 4 per cent; residential, \$6,196,199,000, up 26 per cent; heavy engineering, \$3,034,085,000, up 5 per cent.

September categories were: nonresidential, \$646,825,000 up 17 per cent over August but 17 per cent less than September 1953; residential, \$777,332,000, up 12 per cent over August and 53 per cent over September 1953; heavy engineering, \$392,075,000, up 19 per cent over August but 13 per cent below September 1953.

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MARKET CONDITIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The slow but steady improvement in general business has continued during the past month. The automakers are resuming production after model changeovers and the steady rise in steel production results in substantial part from renewal of this demand. Unemployment figures are about the same and comparatively little overtime is being worked. This has resulted in a lowering of "take home" pay which gives many workers the feeling that they, and the country as a whole, are in bad shape, economically. This set of circumstances is being worked very hard by the Democrats who see in it a golden opportunity to show a revival of strength in the coming elections. However, except for an increase in government spending, there seems little in the way of political action which would make much difference in the present economic situation which is probably closer to "normal" than the country has seen for many years.

ASBESTOS — RAW MATERIAL.

Asbestos fibre production and demand is running at a high for the year. This is in line with the usual seasonal demand for fibre. Coupled with increased domestic activity, we have the approach of the close of open navigation for export shipments, after which the transportation charges increase.

Even with the slight pick up in demand, there is no shortage in any of the major grades, total demand still being below the potential production capacity for the producers.

ASBESTOS — MANUFACTURED GOODS.

Asbestos Textiles. The textile market, in general, is brighter than it has been for many months. The last quarter is expected to be the best one of the year.

Asbestos Brake Lining. Replacement market which was slightly off during the first three quarters of the year, is showing signs of a healthy increase during the last quarter. Inventories have been at lowest point for last several

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years — a healthy sign as indicated by orders to build up inventories.

Asbestos Paper. The present demand for asbestos paper seems to be steady with orders equal to available production. There is a slight difference between present sales and those for the same period last year. It is anticipated that volume will continue high for the remainder of the year. Orders for *Millboard* are lagging behind production and sales for the balance of the year will not equal those of last year due to a slowing down of the use of this material over the past few months. The demand for *Saturated Paper* about equals production at the present time, but is expected to fall off in the next several months due to weather conditions.

Insulation. High Pressure. Although there is a lot of work on the drawing boards, very little is being bid at present and a corresponding small amount of high pressure insulation is being purchased. The balance of the year should show an increase in orders over the past few months for some of the larger jobs which were bid during the first half of the year.

Insulation. Low Pressure. The demand for low pressure insulation continues at a high level as numerous dwelling projects reach the stage for insulation. Volume is expected to be as good, if not slightly higher, during the remainder of the year.

Asbestos Cement Products. The market for roofing and siding remains steady; October order placements to date in total about equal to same period in September with a slight falling off in some sections.

Demands for corrugated and flat just about equal production but are expected to fall off in the next 3 or 4 months due to weather conditions.

The sales of Pressure and Sewer Pipes continue at a good rate. Sales of Warm Air Duct, Building Sewer pipe, Gas Vent pipe and Electrical Conduits are still strong.

The above comments have been made by various informed executives in the Industry. All comments are welcome.

AUTOMOBILE SALES

	September 1954
Passenger Cars	300,998
Motor Trucks	68,618
Motor Coaches	326
	<hr/> 369,942

In September 1953, a total of 574,631 motor vehicles were sold. In the nine months of 1954 the total was 4,959,297.

These figures were supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Association, New Center Building, Detroit, Michigan.

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PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Canada

(Department of Mines, Province of Quebec)

Tons 2000 lbs.

Production for August 1954	77,549 tons
Compared with August 1953	69,833 tons
Dominion Production for August 1954 is 80,783 tons, a difference of 3,234 tons, from the Quebec figure.	

Africa (Rhodesia)

(Published by Rhodesia Chamber of Mines)

Tons 2000 lbs.

Production for June 1954	6,932.33 tons
Valued at	£503,793
Production for June June 1953	7,316.28 tons
Valued at	£599,946
Production for July 1954	6,255.64 tons
Value at	£470,652
Production for July 1953	7,430.27 tons
Valued at	£623,601

Cypres

(From Inspector of Mines)

3rd Quarter (ending Sept. 30, 1954)

Tons—2000 lbs.

	July	August	September
Rock Mined	320,256	272,841	267,057
Rock Treated	84,734	74,872	75,696
Fibre Produced	2,307	2,190	2,400
Fibre Exported	2,667	1,639	3,236

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Imports into U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

Unmanufactured Asbestos—By Countries

	June 1954 Tons (2240 lbs.)
From Canada.....	53,586
Union of S. Africa	1,374
Br. E. Africa.....	148
Southern Rhodesia	428
Australia	55
So. B. Africa	72
Other Countries.....	32

Valued at	55,695 \$4,689,507
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By Grades:

Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, Canada	15
Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, So. Rhodesia	12
Crude No. 1, Chrysotile, Other Countries	1
Crude No. 2, Chrysotile, So. Rhodesia	23
Crude No. 2, Chrysotile, Other Countries	6
Crude, Other, Chrysotile, Br. E. Africa	148
Crude, Other, Chrysotile, U. of S. Africa	107
Crude, Other, Chrysotile, So. Rhodesia	393
Crude, Other, Chrysotile, So. B. Africa	72
Crude, Blue, Australia	55
Crude, Blue, Union of S. Africa	438
Crude, Amosite, Union of S. Africa	767
Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	1,249
Textile Fibres, Chrysotile, U. of S. Africa	62
Shingle Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	4,110
Paper Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	4,803
Other Fibres, Chrysotile, Canada	43,409
Other Fibres, Chrysotile, Other Countries	25

55,695

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:

	June 1954 Quantity (lbs.)	Value
Asbestos Yarn, Canada	58,984	\$ 64,350
Asbestos Yarn, United Kingdom	70,916	57,865
Asbestos Packing & Lining	7,276	7,157

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Asbestos Shingles (Impreg.)	11,200	1,568
Asbestos Shingles (Not Impreg.) Canada	143,200	10,075
Asbestos Manufactures—Others .....	.....	886
	291,576	\$141,901

Exports from U.S.A.

(Figures by Bureau of Census)

Unmanufactured Asbestos:

	July 1954	
	Tons (2240 lbs.)	Value
To: Europe	99	\$15,924
South America	25	3,000
	124	\$18,924

Manufactured Asbestos Goods:

	July 1954	
	Quantity	Value
Asbestos Pipe Covg. & Cement	Lbs. 463,445	\$ 61,710
Asbestos Textiles & Yarn	Lbs. 67,611	81,476
Asbestos Packing	Lbs. 209,166	157,154
Asbestos Clutch Facings & Lining	No. 81,865	66,833
Asbestos Bk. Lng. (Mld.&S.Mld.)	Ft. 232,336	83,222
Asbestos Bk. Lng. Rolls (Woven)	Lin. Ft 35,176	28,908
Asbestos Brake Lining Sets	Lbs. 312,259	302,885
Asbestos Construction Materials	Lbs. 3,612,032	295,563
Asbestos Manufactures—Others .....	.....	26,340
		\$1,104,091

A very interesting article, "Operations at the Havelock Asbestos Mines, Swaziland," appeared in the September 10, 1954 issue of The Mining Journal, London, England, from which we quote: "The Havelock asbestos mine, situated in the north-west of Swaziland, South Africa, is owned and operated by New Amianthus Mines (Proprietary) Limited, technical services being provided by African Associated Mines (Private) Limited. Several features of the mine are of particular interest, namely the despatch of asbestos by bi-cable aerial ropeway over twelve miles of difficult terrain to the railhead, the use of sub-level stopping, and the fact that in 1948 the original quarrying activities were discontinued and underground mining was commenced."

JOHNS-MANVILLE
Third Quarter Report

Consolidated earnings of Johns-Manville Corporation and subsidiary companies for the third quarter of 1954 were \$4,683,520 compared with \$4,493,586 for the corresponding period last year.

Sales for the third quarter of 1954 were \$67,884,164 compared with \$65,384,045 for the third quarter of 1953.

Earnings per share of common stock were \$1.47 for the third quarter, compared with \$1.42 for the third quarter last year.

Income taxes for the third quarter were \$3,530,000 compared with \$4,490,000 for the same period last year.

For the year to date sales were \$184,612,937 and earnings were \$12,711,589 or \$4.00 per common share, compared with sales of \$188,832,450 and earnings of \$15,850,435 or \$5.00 per common share for the first nine months last year.

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Exports From Canada

(Published by Dominion Bureau of Statistics)

		August 1954	
		Tons (2000 lbs.)	Value
<i>Unmanufactured Asbestos:</i>			
<i>Crude</i>			
United States.....	17	\$	23,231
United Kingdom.....	.....		.....
South America.....	.....		.....
Central America & Mexico.....	.....		.....
European Countries.....	22		19,713
Other Countries.....	.....		.....
	39	\$	42,944
<i>Milled</i>			
United States.....	11,513	\$	1,823,672
United Kingdom.....	2,261		484,668
South America.....	2,282		418,012
Central America & Mexico.....	275		40,870
European Countries.....	6,085		1,078,372
Other Countries.....	2,917		470,361
	25,333		\$4,315,955
<i>Shorts</i>			
United States.....	42,956	\$	2,034,006
United Kingdom.....	2,070		84,771
South America.....	764		56,678
Central America & Mexico.....	30		1,242
European Countries.....	2,824		187,248
Other Countries.....	514		39,216
	49,158		\$2,403,161
<i>Grand Total—Unmanufactured Asbestos</i> ..	74,530		\$6,762,060
<i>Manufactured Asbestos Goods:</i>			
Brake Lining.....		\$	37,101
Packing.....			1,716
Other Materials.....			85,106
			\$ 123,923

THE RUBEROID CO.

New Appointment

Robert R. Heiges has recently been appointed sales manager of the company's newly formed gypsum division.

Mr. Heiges has spent all of his working career as a sales executive in the building materials business. In his new position he will have charge of sales of all gypsum products made by the company with headquarters at Ruberoid's executive offices in New York City.



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- A. J. Scanlan, President, American Asbestos Textile Corporation, Norristown, Pa., November 21.
- M. P. Berney, President, Southern Insulation Corporation, Memphis, Tenn. November 22.
- J. A. Marcotte, General Sales Manager, Asbestos Corporation Ltd., Thetford Mines, Canada, November 22.
- Alvin C. McCord, President, McCord Radiator & Mfg. Company, Detroit, Mich., November 24.
- John J. Krez, Chairman of Board, Paul J. Krez Company, Chicago, Ill., November 26.
- L. W. Dennis, Commercial Manager, The Cape Asbestos Company, Ltd., London, England, November 27.
- Thomas C. Young, President, Pacific Roofing Co., Portland, Oregon, November 28.
- Frank N. Grossman, Secretary, Arnold Insulations Inc., Chicago, Ill., November 28.
- R. E. Kramig, Senior Partner, R. E. Kramig & Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 29.
- Jack Ordway, Jr., Vice President, MacArthur Company, St. Paul, Minn., November 29.
- W. L. Spielberger, Director in Charge of Finances, Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pa., November 30.
- Frank G. Ruggles, President, Frank G. Ruggles & Company, New York City, December 2.
- Harvey D. Burgstresser, Philadelphia Asbestos Company, Philadelphia, Pa., December 3.
- Irving Kevelson, Ace Asbestos Mfg. Company, Jersey City, N. J., December 4.
- D. A. McMillan, Vice President, Gulf States Insulation Company, Mobile, Ala., December 4.
- Victor Mauck, President, Nicolet Asbestos Mines, Norristown, Pa., December 6.
- P. M. Berry, Secretary & Treasurer, Standard Asbestos Mfg. Company, Cleveland, Ohio, December 8.
- E. J. Fasold, Secretary, The Philip Carey Ffg. Vompny, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 8.
- Kenneth MacLellan, Managing Director, George MacLellan & Co., Ltd., Glasgow, Scotland, December 8.
- J. C. McKendry, President, Niagara Asbestos Company, Buffalo, N. Y., December 10.
- D. W. Widmayer, Vice President & Director in Charge of Sales, Keasbey & Mattison Company, Ambler, Pa., December 12.
- John O. Camp, Vice President, Southern Friction Materials Company, Charlotte, N. C., December 13.

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George P. Grossman, President, Asbestos Products Company, Inc., Lakewood, Ohio, December 13.
Fred Lee Johnston, Superintendent, Southern Friction Materials Company, Charlotte, N. C., December 13.
Joseph Poulin, President & General Manager, Asbestos Corporation Ltd., Montreal, Canada, December 16.

To all these gentlemen we extend best wishes and congratulations on the occasion of their birthdays.

UNARCO HONORS TWENTY-FIVERS

Twenty-three Union Asbestos and Rubber Company employees with a total of 647 years of service, attended the company's third annual 25-Year Club Banquet recently in Chicago.

John S. Lundvall, vice president of the Equipment Specialties Division, and retiring club president, turned over his gavel to *Louis Stein*, purchasing agent. *William Tarpey*, chief clerk to the director of production and engineering, was elected vice president, and *Miss Florence Smith*, secretary to the executive vice president, was re-elected secretary.

Paul Puttkammer, foreman of the galvanizing department, and *Theodore Winker*, truck driver, who became eligible during the past year, were formerly inducted into the club.

ATLAS ASBESTOS COMPANY LIMITED

A New Asbestos-Cement building board is being manufactured and sold in Canada by Atlas Asbestos Company Limited, a member of the Turner & Newall organization. This new building board is trade named Super'Bestos. It was originally developed in England—primarily to combat incendiary bombs during the London blitz. When laid on floor joists of attics in hospitals and public buildings it allowed thermite bombs to burn themselves out harmlessly. Careful checks made on Super'Bestos after being subjected to these highly incendiary bombs, showed conclusively that it did not crack, delaminate or spall under the intense heat. It is available in two sheet sizes—48 in. x 48 in. and 48 in. by 96 in. and several thicknesses—3/16 in., 1/4 in., 3/8 in., and 1/2 in.

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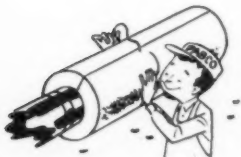


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The October 1954 edition of their Standards on Textile Materials has recently been issued by the American Society for Testing Materials.

The standards cover asbestos, bast and leaf fibres, cotton, glass textiles, rayon, acetate, and silk, wool, pile fabrics (carpets), felt; and general fibres, fabrics, yarns, threads and cordage.

The Standards for Asbestos Textiles are:

- Asbestos Roving for Electrical Purposes, Specifications and Methods for Tentative Revision of Specifications D 375.
- D 375-52 Asbestos Yarns, Specifications and Methods of Test for.
- D 299-54 Asbestos Tape for Electrical Purposes, Specifications and Methods of Test for.
- D 315-52 Asbestos Cloth, Woven, Specifications for Tentative Revision of Specifications D 677.
- D 677-50 Asbestos Cloth, Woven, Methods of Testing.
- D 577-52 Asbestos Tubular Sleaving, Methods of Testing.
- D 628-52 Asbestos Lap, Specifications and Methods of Test for.
- D 1061-54 Magnetic Rating of Asbestos Used for Electrical Purposes, Method of Test for (Tentative).

The book contains 718 pages, and in heavy paper cover can be obtained from the American Society for Testing Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., at \$5.50.

Separate copies of the ASTM Standards and Tentatives are available from the Society Headquarters at the above address.

THE RUBEROID CO.

3rd Quarter Report

During the quarter ended September 30th, 1954, The Ruberoid Co. reported net sales were the highest they have ever been in any quarter of Ruberoid's history. Net earnings were third highest.

Despite keener competition and lower prices of asphalt products in the first half of the year, improvement in the third quarter brought nine months sales to almost the same level as they were in the corresponding 1953 period, \$57,637,589 compared with \$57,701,807. Net earnings for the three quarters were \$3,366,821 compared with \$3,432,871 in 1953.

Earnings per share amounted to \$2.39 on the basis of 1,428,801 shares, the average outstanding during the nine months. Net earnings for the first three quarters of 1953 were \$2.50 per share on the basis of 1,407,854 shares.

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NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Practically all liquidation stocks of Amosite and Montasite Asbestos as well as considerable tonnage of Transvaal Blue have now been disposed of, and with particular reference to amosite fibres an acute shortage is likely.

Mining & General Technicians (Pty) Ltd., P.O. Box 3109, Johannesburg, have for many years been operating several important mines producing Amosite & Blue Asbestos, which up until now have been marketed through South African Export Agents. The company, recognizing the threatened shortage of Amosite Asbestos and to a lesser extent Blue Asbestos, have recently acquired very large areas in South Africa which have previously contributed large tonnages of fibre through the several mines which have been compelled to close down due to present market conditions being uneconomical.

The Company has now embarked on a policy of consolidating the production of its various areas on economical and practical lines. The co-ordinated production refining and grading of fibre from these mines will be under the personal control of Mr. Albert Schechter (late General Manager of Dublin Consolidated Mines Ltd.), who is a pioneer of Asbestos mining in South Africa and well known to the trade generally.

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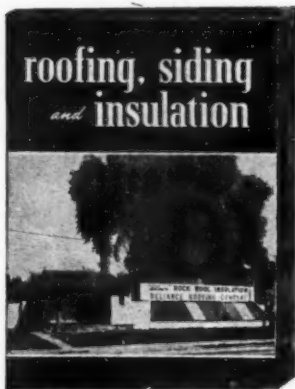
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C. J. PETROW RETURNS TO STATES

C. J. Petrow of C. J. Petrow & Co., (Pty) Ltd., Johannesburg, S. Africa was recently called back to his home in Fremont, Nebraska, owing to the death of his father.

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Copies of the brochure can be obtained by writing David Wolochow, Secretary of CGSB, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada.

ASBESTOS STOCK QUOTATIONS

(These figures are compiled from the Commercial & Financial Chronicle. No guarantee as to their correctness.)

	Par	October 1954		
		Low	High	Last
Amer. Br. Shoe (Com).....	np	30¼	33	31¼
Amer. Br. Shoe (Pfd).....	100	99½	103	100
Armst. Ck. (Com).....	np	30¾	87	87
Armst. Ck. (Pfd).....	np	99¼	99¾	99½
Armst. Ck. (Conv. Pfd).....	np	160	167	167
Asb. Corp. (Com).....	np	29¾	30½	29¾
Carey (Com).....	10	22¼	24	23½
Cassiar Asb. Corp.	np	\$5.15	\$6.70	\$6.55
Celotex (Com).....	np	21½	23½	23
Celotex (Pfd).....	20	18	18¾	18
Certainteed (Com).....	1	19¾	21¾	21
Dominion Asb. Mines	1	\$.16	\$.24½	\$.16¾
Flintkote (Com).....	np	33¼	35½	35
Flintkote (Pfd).....	np	101	102¾	101
Johns-Manville (Com).....	np	73½	77½	76
Natl. Gypsum (Com).....	1	34¼	40¾	40¼
Natl. Gypsum (Pfd).....	np	103½	104½	103½
Pabco Products (Com).....	np	20¾	23¾	23¾
Pabco Products (Pfd).....	100	93	94½	94½
Ray-Man (Com).....	np	43	44¼	43¾
Ruberoid (Com).....	1	36½	41½	41¼
Thermoid (Com).....	1	7½	7¾	7¾
Thermoid (Pfd).....	50	41½	43	41¾
Union Asb. & Rub. (Com).....	5	8½	9¼	8¾
United Asb. (Com).....	1	\$3.50	\$3.85	\$3.55
U. S. Gypsum (Com).....	20	181	208	205
U. S. Gypsum (Pfd).....	100	181¼	183	183
U. S. Rubber (Com).....	5	35¾	39¼	36¼
U. S. Rubber (Pfd).....	100	156	163¼	156¾

**U. S. RUBBER ANNOUNCES PLANS
For New Research Center**

U. S. Rubber Company, New York City, has announced plans for its new research center to be built in Preakness, Wayne Township, N. J. It is expected that ground for the \$4,000,000 center will be broken in the fall and occupancy will take place early in 1956. The center will be devoted to research and development in the fields of rubber, chemicals, textiles and plastics.

The company's present research activities, now conducted in its laboratories in Passaic, N. J., will be transferred to the new location. Nearly 400 persons, many of whom live in Wayne Township or its environs, will be employed at the new research center.

U. S. Rubber's new research center will consist of three principal buildings: a main laboratory with 90,500 square feet of floor area, an experimental laboratory with an area of 35,000 square feet, and a chemical engineering laboratory with 8,500 square feet.

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Arizona—	Per Ton of 2,000 lbs., f.o.b. Globe, Arizona
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No. 3 Crude (semi-soft)	400.00

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Group No. 2 Crude No. 2; Crude Run-of-Mine and Sundry	500.00 to 1,000.00
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Group No. 7 (Refuse or Shorts)	37.00 to 68.50

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	August 1954 Tons (2240 lbs.)
From Union of S. Africa	1,413
Southern Rhodesia	3,218
Basutoland, Bechuanaland & Swaziland	937
Canada	3,848
Other Commonwealth Countries and the Irish Republic	1,120
Foreign Countries	29
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These figures were supplied by the Mining Journal Limited of London.

CAREY'S NINE MONTHS REPORT

Report for the nine months ending September 30, 1954 was issued October 22 by the Philip Carey Mfg. Company and gives the following figures:

Sales	\$40,598,940
Compared with same period in 1953	39,144,202
Net earnings after income taxes	1,822,883
Compared with same period in 1953	1,853,118
Earnings per common share	2.20
Compared with same period in 1953	2.24

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